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NOTICES OF NEW BOOKS.

POPULAR LECTURES ON COMMERCIAL LAW : Written for the use of Merchants and Business Men. By George Sharswood. Philadelphia : Hayes & Zell, 1856.

The lectures of which this volume is composed, we are told by the preface, were prepared for the use of the pupils of "Crittenden's Philadelphia Commercial College," without any view to their publication. They were reported as delivered, and collected in a volume by the principal of the College for which they were delivered. Coming before us, therefore, as a popular as well as a strictly professional treatise, they have double claims upon our attention, and these claims they abundantly satisfy. Simple, perspicuous and accurate as they are in style and substance, they will form an invaluable aid by which the man of business can acquire those general principles of which commercial law is composed. And they go further, for by their technical precision and legal fidelity, they form both for the student and the practitioner, a hand-book which, for American commercial law, has no equal. In all these respects we cordially recommend them.

REPORTS OF CASES DETERMINED IN THE COURT OF CHANCERY ; AND, ON APPEAL, IN THE COURT OF ERRORS AND APPEALS OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY. By John P. Stockton, Reporter, Trenton, 1856.

Legal eminence appears to be hereditary in New Jersey, if we may judge from the volume before us. Chancellor Williamson, whose decisions constitute its principal material, is the son of the former able chancellor of the same name. The reporter is the grandson of Mr. Richard Stockton, one of the most distinguished jurists of that State or of the United States. Nor has the inheritance been diminished in its transmission. The reports of Mr. Stockton indicate a well trained mind, thoroughly imbued with legal principles, so as to enable him to grasp always the real points decided in each case, and to present them clearly and concisely in the head note. He has also avoided the error which many other reporters, through slovenliness, or perhaps downright book-making, are guilty : that is of cramming his book with pleadings and records, and the other scaffolding of a case. On the contrary, his reports are always as short as possible, consistently with intelligibility, omitting any additional statement, indeed, where